

In the Claims

Please amend claims 2-4 as follows:

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2. (Amended) A coupler knuckle casting having an enhanced bearing surface area, according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined distance said substantially flat portion extends in said vertical direction is generally in a range of between about 3.5 inches and [at] about 7.0 inches.

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3. (Amended) A coupler knuckle casting having an enhanced bearing surface area, according to claim 2, wherein said predetermined distance said substantially flat portion extends in said vertical direction is generally in a range of between about 4.0 inches and [at] about 5.5 inches.

4. (Amended) A coupler knuckle casting having an enhanced bearing surface area, according to claim 3, wherein said predetermined distance said substantially flat portion extends in said vertical direction is generally in a range of between about 4.0 inches and [at] about 4.5 inches.